

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
62 CAPRON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN, IN SAID COUNTY;

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE DIRECTED TO NOTIFY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, IN PRECINCT 2, IN SAID UXBRIDGE, ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO WIT:

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon. (Board of Selectmen)

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements pursuant to GLc.44, §53F, or take any other action related thereto. (Cortney Keegan, Finance Director)

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as required to pay **prior** fiscal year's bill(s), or take any other action related thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

*Commentary: Two prior year bills have been identified: \$37.24, owed to Mass. Electric for the North Uxbridge Fire Station, and \$160.00, owed to A#1 Affordable Relocation Systems, for moving the Town Clerk's Office. Funds will be transferred from current accounts.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all elected officials of the town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for FY06 – approve the budget, or take any other action related thereto. (Town Manager)

*Commentary: This Article refers to the operating and capital budget for the coming fiscal year. Details by departments are found in the accompanying spreadsheets.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provided a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Sewer Department for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Sewer Department received during fiscal year 2006. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, or take any other action related thereto. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

*Commentary: This Article was formerly incorporated within Article 4 for the General Operating Budget of the Town. DOR recommends this separate Article for clarification.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provided a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Water Department for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Department received during fiscal year 2006. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, or take any other action related thereto. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

*Commentary: This Article was formerly incorporated within Article 4 for the General Operating Budget of the Town. DOR recommends this separate Article for clarification.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provided a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses of the Ambulance Division for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Ambulance Division received during fiscal year 2006. Said sum to be spent under the direction of the Fire Chief, or take any other action related thereto. (Peter Ostroskey, Fire Chief)

*Commentary: This Article was formerly incorporated within Article 4 for the General Operating Budget of the Town. DOR recommends this separate Article for clarification.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Cable PEG Access for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by Cable PEG Access "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account", or take any other action related thereto. (Allan Klepper, Town Manager)

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize GLc.44, §53E½, revolving funds for the continuation of: recycling programs not to exceed \$2,000 derived from disposal fees, under the Board of Health; composting bins not to exceed \$1,000 derived from fees, under the Board of Health; Library book repairs not to exceed \$6,000 derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; or take any other action related thereto. (Board of Health, Library Trustees)

*Commentary: This combined Article covers several programs for annual reauthorization. It is important to recognize that expenditures cannot exceed the maximum noted in the Article, nor can they exceed revenues.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer \$4,000 from available funds to the Recreation Commission Expense for playfield repairs/maintenance, or take any other action related thereto. (Dan Stefanilo, School Supt.)

*Commentary: The School Dept. has entered into a three-year agreement for distribution of Coca Cola products within the school food programs. An annual \$4,000 donation by Coke is part of the agreement. This Article will allow for the transfer of this initial sum to the Recreation Comm.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds \$100,000 to pay FY06 year's rental of classroom space and \$20,000 for utilities in the Good Shepherd School building, or take any other action related thereto. (School Committee)

*Commentary: This is the fifth year of this arrangement. The cost has increased from the previous total of \$100,000 and is expected to increase next year as well.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, up to \$132,000, into the Police Station Building Account, to build out the second floor for office space, to take effect forthwith, or take any other action related thereto. (Allan Klepper, Town Manager; Cortney Keegan, Finance Director; and School Committee)

*Commentary: Relocation of the School Superintendent and Administrative staff is one element in the retention of the High School Accreditation by NEASC. When first constructed, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC tie-ins were taken to the second floor in anticipation of future build-out. This project, intended to house the Superintendent's staff for several years, will then provide the natural growth space for police activities without further renovation. Taxes will not be impacted as funds have been identified for the project and project quotes are expected by the Town Meeting to provide an accurate cost.*

**Fin Com Rec:**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$340,000 from the Water System Development Account to the Meter Replacement Account #650.450.5870.5.0006 to take effect forthwith for the purpose of completing the water meter replacement/upgrade program, or take any other action related thereto. (Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

*Commentary: This transfer will enable completion of a multi-year program to replace/upgrade all water meters. That action will result in a fairer distribution of the cost of water as old meters slow down, thus reporting less than the amount of actual water usage. While that is good for the individual, it is unfair to all other users.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 to fund a joint FY06 recycling program with the Town of Blackstone, or take any other action related thereto. (Board of Health)

*Commentary: The Town of Blackstone has offered Uxbridge the opportunity to join with them in a new recycling program. Stickers at \$15.00 each, allowing unlimited entry to the Blackstone facility located at 14 Chestnut St. in Blackstone, will be sold to recoup the \$7,500 cost of the program. The recycling center will accept paper, plastic, metal, and hazardous materials including paint, solvents, petroleum products and electrical appliances and computer equipment, plus a "swap shop". Additional disposal costs apply to hazardous materials, as is the current situation, but our local disposal drives are limited to 3 or 4 times per year; this new program will access anytime. Contact the Board of Health for all details.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the February 20, 1979 Special Town Meeting establishing a permanent sewer privilege fee by changing the last sentence in Section 1 ~~"The fees established herein may be changed from time to time by vote of the Town at any annual town meeting."~~ to read "The fees established herein may be changed from time to time by vote of the Board of Selectmen after holding a public hearing.", or take any other action related thereto. (Board of Selectmen and Larry Bombara, DPW Supt.)

*Commentary: It is important to periodically update fees to support the ongoing maintenance and expansion plans for our sewer system. Selectmen set most all other fees. This Article will facilitate timely consideration of needed fee changes and will apply only to new connections to the system.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Uxbridge Bylaw Section XXIV – Animal Control, Paragraph 3 by deleting a portion and replacing it with new language as follows:

“3. The annual fee for dog licenses shall be \$11.00 for male and female dogs; \$7.00 for spayed and neutered dogs; and \$1.00 for a substitute tag or a transfer of license. The fee for kennel licenses shall be \$30.00 for up to four dogs, \$40.00 for five to ten dogs; and \$50.00 for more than ten dogs. Said fees along with all other fees and fines authorized by this section of the Uxbridge General Bylaw and M.G.L. Chapter 140 ~~shall be deposited into an account entitled “Dog Fund” which is to be established and maintained by the Town Accountant as a fund for receipts reserved for appropriation to support the cost of the dog officer’s salary and expenses, the cost of licensing, the costs of animal inoculations (such as rabies clinics) including information services, and all other obligations of M.G.L. Chapter 140.~~ shall be deposited into the General Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, §53.” ,or take any other action related thereto. (Scott Freitas, Police Chief)

*Commentary: The purpose of this change in the bylaw is to redirect all fees and fines received into the General Fund per direction of the Dept. of Revenue and endorsed by the Town Accountant. It does not affect the operation of the Animal Control Department.*

**Fin Com Rec: Favorable (5-0)**

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Uxbridge Post Office, one at the North Uxbridge Post Office and one at the Linwood Post Office, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2005.

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A True Copy - Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Uxbridge Date